

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Joint Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Materials and Metallurgy and on Severe Accidents; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittees on Materials and Metallurgy and on Severe Accidents will hold a joint meeting on August 26 and 27, 1997, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

A portion of the meeting may be closed to public attendance to discuss proprietary information submitted by the Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) Owners Group.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Tuesday, August 26, 1997—8:30 a.m.

until the conclusion of business

Wednesday, August 27, 1997—8:30 a.m.
until 10:30 a.m.

The Subcommittees will review the staff's interim Safety Evaluation Report regarding an industry document related to BWR pressure vessel shell weld inspection requirements and associated recommendations, and a proposed generic letter and regulatory guide associated with steam generator integrity. The Subcommittees will also discuss the staff's response to a differing professional opinion and to previous ACRS concerns associated with steam generator integrity. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittees, their consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittees, along with any of their consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittees will then hear presentations by and hold discussions

with representatives of the NRC staff, Nuclear Energy Institute, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements, and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Amarjit Singh (telephone 301/415-6899) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: August 5, 1997.

Sam Duraiswamy,

Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rule 23c-1—SEC File No. 270-253—OMB Control No. 3235-0260.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 23c-1, among other things, permits a closed-end fund to repurchase its securities for cash if in addition to the other requirements set forth in the rule: (i) Payment of the purchase price is accompanied or preceded by a written confirmation of the purchase; (ii) the asset coverage per unit of the security to be purchased is disclosed to the seller or his agent; and (iii) if the security is a stock, the fund has, within the preceding six months, informed stockholders of its intention to purchase stock. The Commission estimates that approximately 575 closed-end funds may rely on rule 23c-1, and that on average, a fund spends approximately 2.5 hours per year on complying with

the rule's paperwork requirements. The total annual burden of the rule's paperwork requirements thus is estimated to be 1,438 hours.

In addition, the fund must file with the Commission, during the calendar month following any month in which a purchase permitted by rule 23c-1 occurs, two copies of a report of purchases made during the month, together with copies of any written solicitation to purchase securities given on behalf of the fund to 10 or more persons. The burden associated with filing Form N-23C-1, the form for this report, has been addressed in the submission for that Form.

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: August 4, 1997.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice